

school meals by increasing reimbursement rates to school districts that meet federal nutritional standards and it eliminates junk foods in schools by applying nutritional standards for all food products sold in schools.

In California 3.1 million children get help from the national school lunch program. Now is the time to make these changes by passing the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 3307.

RECOGNIZING EUGENE GWIZDALA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eugene Gwizdala as he retires from the Bay County Commission after serving 34 years as the Commissioner for the 8th district. A celebration is planned for December 14th in Bay City, Michigan in his honor.

First elected in 1975 to represent the 4th district, Eugene served through 1984. He was elected in 1987 to represent the 8th district and has held the position since that time. During his tenure he was Chairman of the Board in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2005; and Vice-Chair of the Board in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. He also served on numerous county boards and commissions. He was a member of the MSB Airport Commission, working tirelessly to develop and secure services for airport customers and ensure the future of the airport. Eugene was also instrumental in the creation of the Bay County Mosquito Control Program.

Madam Speaker, Eugene Gwizdala has served the people of Bay County with diligence, insight, and enthusiasm. He has spent the past three decades of his life committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of Bay County. I wish him the best as he retires and enters the next phase of his life.

COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as it celebrates its fortieth anniversary.

EPA was established December 2, eight months after the nationally-celebrated Earth Day. EPA's work has been much in the forefront in recent years, particularly related to its work to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. There are some that disagree with EPA's approaches, believing that they cause increased costs to industry and hurt the economy. Yet we have all benefitted from its results. No one can dispute that EPA's efforts have provided a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.

Congress has given EPA much to work with, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Superfund Law, Oil Pollution Act, and other laws. The agency has done its best to meet stringent congressional mandates through strong scientific and medical-based research, working with states, industry and the public, encouraging voluntary actions and taking aggressive enforcement actions when needed.

Sadly, some of my colleagues are now criticizing the agency for following the law and discussing ways to prevent the agency from doing its job. Under the Clean Air Act, Congress directed EPA to regulate air pollutants on health-based standards. I urge my colleagues that refrain from this criticism and think twice before weakening regulations that protect our health.

There is a strong record of achievement. Let me list some of EPA's many accomplishments in these forty years:

- Removing lead from gasoline
- Reducing acid rain
- Establishing vehicle efficiency and emissions control standards

- Controlling toxic substances management and disposal

- Banning widespread use of pesticides such as DDT

- Promoting recycling of potential waste

- Achieving cleaner drinking water

- Making information on environmental concerns available to the public

- Revitalizing communities with Brownfield grants

In addition, EPA is called upon to respond to natural and man-made disasters. In the last ten years, EPA assisted in the World Trade Center response in 2001; performed several cleanups of anthrax, including the Hart Senate Office Building, in 2001; cleaned up following Hurricane Katrina in 2005; retrieved Columbia Shuttle debris in 2003; responded to the collapse of the TVA dam in Kentucky in 2008; and provided support to the BP oil spill response in 2010.

For four decades, EPA has confronted environmental challenges, fostered innovations, and cleaned up pollution in the places where people live, work, play and learn. Anyone who travels outside this country to areas without strong environmental protections can attest to the benefits to our well being from reducing pollution. Over the past forty years, it is undisputed that EPA has improved our environment and the health of all Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIA FENNER HOLLAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julia Fenner Holland.

Julia Fenner Holland, a native North Carolinian, was born and raised in a little town called Scotland Neck. The middle child of eleven siblings, she received her formal education in the Halifax County Public School System and continued her education at the North Carolina Central University. Julia was an active participant in the civil rights movement

during the 1960s. Upon moving to Brooklyn, New York in 1969, she enrolled in Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and later completed studies at New York State Stenotype Academy in Manhattan, New York.

Julia grew up in a wholesome rural environment where her parents instilled in their children the importance of sound religious values and education. She attributes her success in life to her parents who throughout their lives taught that one can attain anything in life by working hard and by having faith in God. In 1973, she was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and retired in 2003. During her tenure with the U.S. Postal Service, she held executive positions with the postal union. In this position, she traveled widely to various foreign countries, and to nearly every state in the Union promoting women's rights in the workplace. Her vast experiences have impacted the lives of many people positively.

She began her fraternal career in the Prince Hall Masonic Family in 1986. Since becoming a member, she has served untiringly with grace and pride in various positions, voluntarily doing charitable and benevolent work in her community and across the State of New York to help make a better life for others. Julia's philanthropic spirit embodies the very nature of the ethos of the Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star.

In June 2009 Ms. Holland was elevated among her peers to the esteemed position of Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star, Incorporated, for the State of New York. In this position, she is the chief administrator of 53 subordinate chapters comprised of nearly three thousand members.

She grew up in the Baptist Church in North Carolina and in 1988 received the right hand of fellowship at Berean Baptist Church located in Brooklyn, New York, where she remains a member.

She finds time to read, sew, and practice developing graphic art images on the computer when she is not doing voluntary work in soup kitchens in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

The proud parent of two adult sons, Cedric and Christopher, she also had two lovely granddaughters, Naima and Nya. She emphatically states "God has been good to me".

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Julia Fenner Holland.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the child nutrition bill, S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The reauthorization of this bill will significantly improve child nutrition programs by addressing hunger and obesity in children. It will provide healthier meal options, eliminate junk-food and sugary beverages from a la carte lines and vending machines from all schools, increase student eligibility to access school meals and